

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, line 12, delete "SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION".

Page 2, line 2, insert --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph as follows:

-- When data transmission and reception circuit 101 of portable terminal 1 can communicate over a short distance with data transmission and reception circuit 101 of portable terminal 5, data transmission and reception circuit 101 of portable terminal 1 does not make a reply in response to a search from data transmission and reception circuit 201 of safety information provision equipment 2 on whether or not communication is possible. Basically, data transmission and reception circuit 101 performs regular searches to ascertain whether or not terminal 5 is in close proximity and if terminal 5 is in close proximity, stores information that terminal 5 is in close proximity in a data transmission and reception decision circuit not shown in the drawing. When data transmission and reception decision circuit receives a search from data transmission and reception circuit 201 of safety information provision equipment 2 on whether or not is within the range within which transmission is possible, even if is within that range, when terminal 5 is in close proximity data transmission and reception circuit 101 of portable terminal 1 is a circuit that decides not to transmit data. Alternatively, even if data transmission and reception circuit 101 does perform transmission, data transmission and reception circuit 101 instructs data transmission and reception circuit 202 of safety information provision equipment

2 not to generate safety information. In this way provision of safety information can be automatically prevented in situations where it is not required, when for example the carrier of terminal 5 is a caregiver for the carrier of portable terminal 1 who is for example a child, under supervision and monitored by that caregiver. This enables an unnecessary increase in communications traffic to be prevented. --